

ALLOWANCE

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Johnny Ma on June 24, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

25. (Currently Amended) A tool holder device for supporting at least one tool configured to collaborate with an edge of at least one substrate, the device comprising:
a first tool configured to move translationally and rotationally;
a second tool arranged fixedly and configured to operate while the at least one substrate is moving translationally;
a rotary support configured to receive the first tool, and to move translationally along a vertical beam and rotationally relative to the at least one substrate;
the vertical beam provided with the rotary support and with a linear guidance element extending at least partially over a height of the vertical beam, the linear guidance element being configured to prevent the rotary support from rotating when the rotary support is moved translationally, wherein
the at least one substrate is moved translationally relative to the first tool supported by the rotary support, as the first tool is operating in a predetermined position,
collaboration between the first tool and the at least one substrate occurs with or without contact relative to an edge face of the at least one substrate, and
the first tool is of-a-first-tool-type configured to apply and bond an interlayer to all or part of a periphery and to the edge faces of at least two substrates facing each other, and the second tool is of-a-second-tool-type configured to measure, machine, shape, or surface treat the at least one substrate, the first tool type being different from the second tool type.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 25-27, 30-32, and 35-49 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments have been considered and are found persuasive. Regarding claim 25, the prior art, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest the first tool is of a first tool type configured to apply and bond an interlayer to all or part of a periphery and to the edge faces of at least two substrates facing each other, and the second tool is of a second tool type configured to measure, machine, shape, or surface treat the at least one substrate, the first tool type being different from the second tool type, together in combination with the other limitations claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LEE whose telephone number is (571)270-7711. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katarzyna Wyrozebski can be reached on (571)272-1127. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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